

CHAE SON

Chae Son National Park
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Chae Son National Park is a rich mountainous forest located in the northeast of Lampang province. It is situated in the districts of Mueang Pan and Chae Hom and covering an area about 592 square km.

The forests and mountains provide an important water sources for the surrounding areas.

The park has many interesting features including, waterfalls, caves and its famous hot springs. Along with many species of fauna and flora.

All of these makes Chae Son an important place for tourism in Lampang province.

Before Chae Son becoming a National Park, it was a Forest Park which used the name "Aeng Nam Oun". The name "Chae Son Waterfall" was latterly named after the Ministers had approved the promotion of tourism in Lampang province and the go ahead was given to convert Chae Son Waterfall into a National Park.

Preparations were made from May 1986 to December 1987 for the celebration of the Kings 60th birthday at Chae Sawn Waterfall on the 5th December 1987.

The Park was officially surveyed by the Royal Forest Department staff soon after this and led to a decision by the board of directors, which in turn led to the Royal Decree that officially turned Chae Son into a National Park on 28th July 1988, becoming Thailand's 58th National Park.

Chae Son is a mountainous park comprising of "Phi Pan Nam" western mountain range which stretches on a north-south axis. This mountain range forms the border between the provinces of Lampang and Chiang Mai. The highest mountain on this range is "Doi (Mt.) Langka", the third highest in Thailand.

The forest provides an important source for many creeks which flow down into the river "Wang"

Chae Son has three distinct seasons. The rainy season runs from May to October. In September, there tends to be the heaviest rainfall.

The cold season runs from November to February and this is the best time for visiting and especially walking in the park.

Hot season starts from March to April.

Flora And Fauna



The area comprises many types of forest including; Hill evergreen forest, Tropical evergreen forest, Pine forest, Deciduous dipterocarp forest, and Mixed deciduous forest. All spread throughout the park on the certain locations varying on climate, elevation and soil type.

Wildlife that you may see in the park includes;

common muntjac, mouse deer, wild boar, Asian golden cat, Siamese hare, serows, Malayan flying lemur, macaque, porcupine, bear and squirrel. There are also many bird species. Cicada are particularly high in numbers during April of every year as they come here for spring water.

Point of Interest

Chae Son Waterfall, originating from Mae Mon creek, it has water flowing all year. It has many pools and comprises of six levels in total. It is located about 1 km from the headquarters and can be reached by driving or walking

Mae Mon Waterfall, is the fast flowing with a high fall comprising of many steps. It is 5 km from the headquarters by dirt track.

Mae Khun Waterfall, is close to Mae Mon waterfall, the over 100 m stream flows into the same river as Mae Mon

Mae Piak Waterfall, is another beautiful waterfall, it is located 3 km from the headquarters and can be reached by a nature trail. The falls drop 100 m over 3 levels.

Hot Springs, provide an interesting feature. There are 9 boreholes emitting the hot water from the deep

earth. The area is covered with many small rocks and you will notice the soft smell of sulphur in the air. The water emerges at a temperature of 73 degrees Celsius. This enables you to make a boiled egg in 17 minutes.

The Warm Spring, is a pool where the water from the hot spring meets with the cold water of Chae Son waterfall creating warm water that the temperature is a very pleasant for bathing or swimming.

The Hot Spring Rooms, comprise of 11 rooms for relaxing in large pools of spring water and 16 rooms for taking a Thai style bath. The rooms are all linked by pipes to the hot spring. Bathing in the water is said to be good for healthy blood flow. Visitors are required to pay for rooms usage.

Pha-ngam Cave, is located at

the substation 2 which is 8 km from Wang Nuea district. The sub-station 2 is about 60 km from the headquarters.

In this area, there are many caves which tourists can visit. These include Nam Cave, Mo Cave, Luang Cave and Luk Ko Cave.





Transportation and Accommodations

The Park is located about 68 km from Lampang town. There are two ways to go to the park which both ways are accessible all year round.

- Start from the sports stadium in Lampang, follow the Lampang-Hangchat road, at the T-junction in Ban Nam-Thong turn right and follow road number 1157 (Lampang-Huai Paeng-Mueang Pan) for about 55 km then turn right to road number 1287 (Mueang Pan-Chae Hom). Travel for about 2 km then turn left into road number 1252 (Kuang Kom-Pang Fan) it is about 11 km to the headquarters. In total is about 68 km.

- Travel from Lampang on road 1035 (Lampang-Chae Hom) to Chae Hom, about 58 km. Then turn left at the T-junction at Ban Pong khop and follow road number 1287 (Mueang-Chae Hom) for about 6 km. Turn right to the road number 1252 Kuang Kom-Pang Fan and drive for 11 km. to reach the park headquarters. There is a park sign showing in

every intersection. The total of this route is about 75 km.

The Park has a visitor centre for tourists and 12 bungalows for people to stay in and also 2 dormitories for larger groups. There is also a meeting room, and camping site where equipments can be rented.

There is a Park restaurant, but food must be ordered in advance before your visit. However, there are another 10 private stalls run food, snack and drink under the food standard controlling by the park.

To book accommodation you must contact either.

Conservational Hints

To maintain natural abundances of the Park, in an appropriate manner that can eternally serve public educational and recreational needs you, as a park visitor, can assist the park authority by following:

- Do not harm or remove flora or fauna though they are in forms of leaves, flowers, fruits or any forms of forest products.
- Do not commercially operate human activities within the park area.
- Do not bring foam ware into the National Park
- Do not bring along weapons or hunting gears into the park area.
- Do not place or establish unauthorized signs or posters in the park and do not generate loud noises which may disturb other visitors or other park's natural organisms.
- Do not leave any wastes, or fuel matters, which may cause fire, outside provided containers.
- Do not drive air-pollution generating vehicles within the park area.
- Drive your vehicles carefully and obey park's traffic regulations or signs and also park your vehicles properly only on the provided parking grounds.
- Keep your visit in a manner which conforms with good Thai tradition and culture.
- Strictly follow park regulations and orders made by park law-enforcement personnel.

For Reservation and Information contact :

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Room reservation can be made through internet at
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Chae Son National Park Map





Legend

- Province Boundary
- National Park Boundary
- Revoked Area
- Road
- Railway
- River
- Province
- District
- Headquarters/Ranger Station
- Visitor Center
- Bungalow
- Campsite
- Pagoda
- Nature Trail
- Hiking Trail
- Waterfall
- Mountain
- Hot Spring
- View Point

